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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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Serial No.: 10/791,733

Group: 3731

Filed: March 4, 2004

Examiner: G. Jackson

FOR: ANASTOMOSIS APPARATUS AND METHODS WITH COMPUTER-AIDED,

AUTOMATED FEATURES

Date: April 25, 2006

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## THIRD STATUS REQUEST

Sir:

Applicants again respectfully request a report of the status of the subject application.

A Petition To Make Special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(c) based on the age of the applicant was filed with the application on March 4, 2004. The Petition was granted June 7, 2004. To date, Applicants have received no further communication from the Office concerning this application.

Applicants submitted a first Status Request on April 8, 2005, but have received no reply to that request.

A second Status Request was submitted January 13, 2006, but there has been no reply from the Office to that request either.

The USPTO Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system Application Data page still reports the application as

"Docketed New Case - Ready for Examination" with a status date of June 28, 2004. However, the Transaction History page shows the "Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU" as of April 17, 2006. Copies of the PAIR pages for April 25, 2006, are attached and also indicate that the Information File Wrapper TSS processing was completed on September 20, 2004.

The subject application was filed 25 months ago on March 4, 2004, and Applicants respectfully remind the Office of the provisions of 37 CFR \$1.702(a)(1).

A corresponding International Application has been filed and claims priority from the present U.S. application. Accordingly, that International Application will be due for entry into the national phase in most countries at the 30 month date of September 4, 2006. Applicants were hoping to have at least a first action on the merits from the U.S. Patent Office before nationalization.

In view of the foregoing and as the subject application has finally been docketed to the examiner, Applicants respectfully request a prompt reply to the present request. Applicants would further appreciate either a first official action on the merits or a notice of allowance without further delay.

Respectfully submitted,

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## Application Data

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## Transaction History

Date	Contents Description		
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01-13-2006	Miscellaneous Incoming Letter		
11-01-2005	Reference capture on IDS		
11-01-2005	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed		
05-02-2005	Correspondence Address Change		
04-26-2005	Correspondence Address Change		
09-20-2004	IFW TSS Processing by Tech Center Complete		
07-07-2004	Record Petition Decision of Granted to Make Special		
03-04-2004	Petition Entered		
06-26-2004	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU		
05-20-2004	Application Return from OIPE		
05-20-2004	Application Return TO OIPE		
05-20-2004	Application Dispatched from OIPE		
05-21-2004	Application Is Now Complete		
04-12-2004	Cleared by L&R (LARS)		
04-05-2004	Referred to Level 2 (LARS) by OIPE CSR		
03-29-2004	IFW Scan & PACR Auto Security Review		
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